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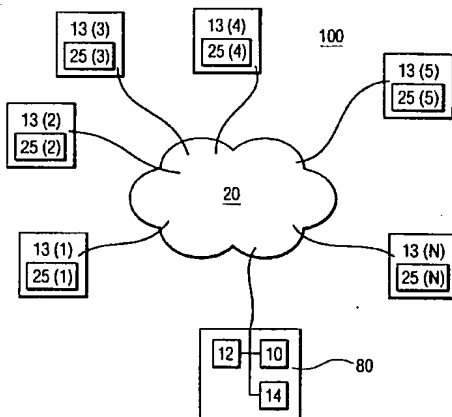
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(57) Abstract: A system, method and business model is disclosed in which computation and storage intensive tasks are performed using remote commercial products (13) of a product manufacturer (80) rather than with centralized resources (10) owned by the product manufacturer (80). The present invention uses the spare resources (e.g., processing, storage) of commercial products (13) of a product manufacturer (80) without impacting the products stated performance. The owners of the commercial products (13) may receive reward credits for voluntarily participating in the distributed processing system (100). The reward credits may be redeemable in any number of ways, including, for example, the purchase of future products of the product manufacturer, merchandise, resort packages, airline travel and so on. In one aspect, the product manufacturer (80) may contract out the services of the commercial products sold by the manufacturer (80) to third parties to complete their large processing tasks.

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